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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC VT CU PO

SUBJ: LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 101587

1. DCM CALLED ON GALVAO DE MELO TO INFORM HIM OF CUBAN RESPONSE TO BELGIAN DEMARCHE AND TO SUGGEST THAT GOP MIGHT CONSIDER SECURING CUBAN PROMISE FOR LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH VATICAN.

2. GALVAO DE MELO SAID THAT GOP WAS ABSOLUTELY FIRM IN ITS DECISION TO RELEASE PERALTA ONLY WHEN CUBANS AGREE TO RELEASE LUNT. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT SPINOLA IS, IF ANYTHING, EVEN MORE DETERMINED ON THIS THAN HE. HE SAID THAT CUBANS ARE ACTING AGAINST THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS BY SEEKING ACHIEVE UNILATERAL PERALTA RELEASE. THEY CANNOT BUT REALIZE THAT GOP PLACES VASTLY GREATER VALUE ON ITS RELATIONS WITH U.S. THAN WITH CUBA. IF THEY PERSIST IN MANNER THEY HAVE FOLLOWED SO FAR THEY WILL BOTH FAIL IN THEIR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE AND COMPLICATE FUTURE RELATIONS WITH NEW  
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GOP. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING LEGAL EFFORTS

BEING MADE BY ATTORNEY PALMA CARLOS, GALVAO DE MELO SAID THAT JUDICIAL MANEUVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ALTER SPINOLA'S DECISION. HE INSISTED THAT GOP IF IT HAS TO IS PREPARED TO HOLD PERALTA FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MONTHS. GALVAO DE MELO SAID HE HAD SEEN PALMA CARLOS YESTERDAY AND TOLD HIM OF GOP FIRMNESS ON MATTER AND THAT FOR HIM TO PROCEED AS HE HAD THREATENED IN THE PRESS WOULD AVAIL HIM NOTHING. (THIS MORNING'S PRESS FOR FIRST TIME IN DAYS MADE NO MENTION OF PERALTA CASE).

3. DURING DCM'S CALL CUBAN CHARGE ASTRAY TELEPHONED FOR APPOINTMENT WHICH GALVAO DE MELO FIXED FOR 1630Z. HE INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS LEAVE ASTRAY UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT FIRMNESS OF GOP ON THIS MATTER.  
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